

# **APPENDIX A**

## Esplin, D. Benjamin

---

**From:** Trader, Susan L.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2006 10:29 AM  
**To:** Esplin, Ben  
**Subject:** Electronic Signature on IDS, Application 10044914

-----Original Message-----

From: McClain, Karen(Trawick) [mailto:Karen.McClain@USPTO.GOV]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2006 10:17 AM  
To: Hirl, Joseph  
Cc: Trader, Susan L.  
Subject: Electronic Signature on IDS, Application 10044914

The EBC received a call from a customer whose application (10044914) is being examined by you. They related that you had indicated that the IDS they had submitted through our old electronic filing system (EPAVE) on 9-02-2005 was not signed. How the EPAVE system works is that they enter their references on one screen and then enter an S-signature (/full name/) on the "submit" screen in the EPAVE submission tool and then signature appears on the transmittal letter that is generated by our system. You can see this signature on the document entitled 9-2-2005 TRNA in the IFW. The S-signature is compliant with rule 37 CFR 1.4(d).

If you have any further questions regarding this, feel free to contact me via email or at x27978.

Karen McClain  
Patents Electronic Business Center  
866.217.9197 - EBC Helpdesk  
571.273.0177 - Fax  
ebc@uspto.gov